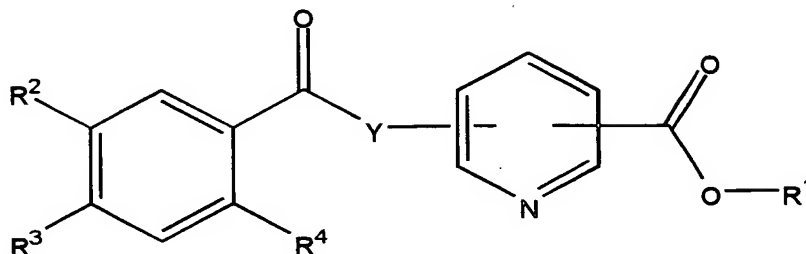


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of administering a compound of Formula I:



Formula I

wherein

R^1 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

R^2 is C_{1-6} -alkyl or adamantyl;

R^3 is C_{1-6} -alkyl or hydroxy; or

R^2 and R^3 taken together are $-(CR^6R^7)_n-$;

R^4 is C_{2-8} -alkyl, C_{2-8} -alkenyl, C_{2-8} -alkynyl, $-OCH_2R^5$ or C_{2-8} -alkanoyl, or hydrogen when R^3 is hydroxy;

R^5 is C_{1-6} -alkyl, C_{2-6} -alkenyl or C_{2-6} -alkynyl;

R^6 and R^7 are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

Y is oxygen or sulfur; and

n is 3, 4, or 5;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts of carboxylic acid of formula I,

wherein said method comprises the step of admixing said compound in solid form with a topical carrier to form a topical formulation within seven days prior to first topical administration of said compound.